

31st Ind. Cruff's Brigade

Mon. 22nd Went out foraging 9 miles south of Nashville. Found an abundance of forage which we got & then returned to camp making 26 miles of a march that day & we were sure tired.

Tues. 23rd Rested in forenoon. Battallion drill in afternoon

Wed. 24th Revalier beat at 4am & we were ordered to be ready to march at day, with 3 days rations in our haversacks, & at day we were ordered to be ready for inspection at 9AM & it rained at that hour. We cleaned up streets afternoon.

Thurs. 25th Went on Picket at 8AM all was quiet except the Christmas guns fired by the boys in camp. We heard some cannonading out on the Franklin Pike, & there was considerable nois during the night

Fri. 26th. Our Division moved out on the Murfreesboro Pike at day, & there was rations brought out to us & we followed them & caught up at Lavern here our Division was scirmishing with the Rebels, we were thrown out on the left, rested a little in the wood & then threw out one Co. (E) of scirmishers who went to work on the Rebel cavalry driving them back & we followed up until we came to the creek & there the Rebe's threw a few shells at us, but we scared their battery away by our going Double quick a short distance & hollowing. We halted after we croped the crop I laid there until dark. There was some sharp fifing to our right while we were on the creek bank We could hear heavy cannon on the Franklin Pike to our right all the after noon. At dark our Division drew off & Woods Division went in front. We marched 12 miles that day with our knapsacks on. It rained during the night.

Sat. 27th We arose got breakfast & were all ready for action at day but we laid still & listened while Wood engaged the Rebs which he did about day. We could also hear cannon on the Franklin Pike. Our division moved out about noon being next to Wood with the 31st Ind. in front of 44 Division. It commenced raining about 1P.M. We saw several wounded men in _____ Co. I was thrown out on the right as scimershers & moved on to Steward's creek. at which _____ we reached at dark, & we halted the for the night. We heard heavy scirmishing on our left in the evening, but all was quiet after dark

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Sun. 28th Arose & got breakfast & all ready to move at day but we laid still all day. The Rebs Pickets were in sight on the opposite site of the creek & they & our pickets kept exchanging shots occasionally all day. Pike Recd, reinforcements in the evening

Mon. 29th We opened some cannon in the morning & drove the Reb pickets & we then moved forward in line crossing the creek which we waded about 14 miles below the bridge & then formed in line moved forward slowly driving the Rebels before us until dark when we got within 2 1/2 miles of Murfreesboro we then camped for the night, There was some firing between the Pickets after dark, but it soon ceased. There was some rain fell during the night.

Tues. 30th. We arose at day we moved out on the front lines formed our lines, sent out 2 Co's E & C for skirmishers & they kept firing occasionally all day; but we (31st In) laid still all day & listened to some heavy fighting on our right by Negley, & others, & there was some heavy firing--from our batteries but we got no answer, We (22nd Brigade) changed our position & front a little farther to the East just before dark & drove their skirmishers far, I then Co's (A & B) relieved C & E, we then laid still until _____ morning. There were 2 men of Co. E slightly wounded. There was some rain fell during the day & turned cold at night.

Wed. 21st. We arose at 3 A.M. & Co's H & P relieved A & B & at day the skirmishing commenced which grew into a heavy battle on our right about an hour by day & our right was flanked & drove back until the fighting was in our rear, & then about 11 A.M. we were attacked in front & Co H & P who were out as skirmishers fired a volley in to their heavy volumes & then retreated over to the lines, & by the time _____ the skirmishers got in the Rebels came over the brow of the hill & we then poured a volley in to them thinning their ranks very much, & we kept up a hot fire for about 15 minutes when the Rebels fell back out there was a Rebel Battery just at the left that we kept up a fire on from the left of the 31st. In where Co. I rallied when they came in from skirmishing & as they had no chance to make any breastworks, they were very much exposed to the enemys fire; but the Rebels

soon appeared in our front again & the 2nd Ky. who jointed the 31st Ind. on the left fell back, but when they saw the 31st back, but when they saw the 31st still at their post faithfully discharging her duty, they returned again & fought bravely for about 15 minutes & then broke again, just as the 1st Ky. passed through the 31st & charged up into the field clear beyond the Rebel Battery which prepared to pay her respects to the 1st Ky. but the 1st seeing her danger fell back & then all on our left gave war & we were flanked on the left & right and were about to be entirely cut off when we started to retreat and there being a pond just in the rear of our Regt. divided it in the haste to get out of the way of the shot grape of shell which were flying thick in the air. And all though our Regt. were scattered there were a great many who did not forget what their guns were made for, so as they were retreating through the Cedar swamp they continued to load for fire on the graybacks, as they pursued us, and thus gave them a retreating fight for about 1/4 of a mile through the Cedars when we came to where the dead were lying on the field that had been fought over in our rear; but the Rebels had been repulsed there & left us a little space to get out at; and we then went to the rear and gathered up what men we could find of our Brigade (1st) and we rallied, formed a line in the rear of a battery fixed bayonet for a charge if necessary; The 31st In. had Liet. Colonel Smith and Major Smith and about 75 men with her at that place, but as Col. Osborns horse was shot on the field and he had to retreat on foot the being old and not very stout was wearried out in the retreat and was out on the Pike at a hospital. The battle continued to fage desperately until night but the Rebels had to come to a halt and were repulsed again but held a part of the Battle field that night. Capt. Hallowell who behaved most gallantly in the engagement who was acting Adjutant made his way out on the pike in the rear unhurt and he came to us at dark. Our Assistant Adjutant General Fairbanks was so drunk that he fell from his saddle in the midst of the battle and was carried from the field. The 31st In. lost all her knapsacks, blankets on the field, and when night came on it was quite cold. a heavy frost. The 31st In went on picket in the after part of the night but did not have to stand over an hour until relieved

Thurs. January 1st 1863 The 31st In. with 1st Brigade was on the reserve in forenoon with Negley and McCook in her front and after noon we moved farther to the left in the front.

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There was some little fighting on the right center in forenoon but afternoon all was quiet except Picket firing. At night we were taken back to their reserve and rested on the river bank. The 31st In. mustered 111 men and 16 commissioned officers in the morning.

Frid. 2nd

We were thrown out on the front lines again where the 31st threw up breastworks and lay behind them with all quiet except an occasional picket engagement until about or near 4 PM when the Rebels moved up on our left wing with heavy columns of infantry and batteries, heavy cannonading then commenced and a continuous roar of musketry was heard on our left which lasted for about 20 minutes when our left began to give back, but soon we had a heavy column come to our left which turned the side which rolled back faster than it came; and just at dusk, the 31st was ordered to charge and drive the Rebels from a piece of woods, which they done most gallantly led by Lieut Col. Smith and General Farmer in person. The 31st Ia. lost 1 man killed and some 2 or wounded in the charge. 4 Co. I took 1 prisoner we laid still there in line for a while after routing the enemy and then returned to the breastworks where we had laid all day. There was some rain fell during the night. There was some heavy picket firing on our right in the fore part of the night but after it ceased all was quiet again save the rattle of the ambulances carrying the wounded from the field.

Sat. 3rd

Raining in the morning and continued so all day. There was some sharp firing in fore noon but it did not amount to much. The 31st Ia. still at the breastworks until night when we moved out ~~at~~ to the woods soon after night. The 2nd Tenn. Regt. went out in and drove the Rebels out of a piece of wood but not without considerable fighting first and some cannonading, but it soon ceased and all was quiet again except the whistle of the cars at Murfreesboro which was heard very frequent during the night and it kept on raining a little all night.

Sun. 4th.

All was quiet in front, no picket firing and it was generally supposed that the Rebels were gone which proved to be so when there were Cavalry scouts sent out to reconnoitre. There was then a detail of ten men and a Lieut. made to go out over our Wednesday battle field to bury our dead and we found and buried 4 on the field.

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Sergeat Davis of Co. I being one of the unfortunate. The 31st Ia. lost 5 killed, 45 wounded, 38 missing.

Mon. 5th The 31st Ia. laid in camp all day until in the evening when we moved 1 mile toward Nashville and camped on the east side of the Railroad. Rained during the night.

Tues. 6th. All quiet but very anxious to see our tent arrive. Cleared off in the evening.

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March 22nd Mont and Jagers
9 miles south of Fairville
found an abundance of game
which we got & then returned
to camp making 26 miles
a march that day was very
tiring & hard
March 23rd started in the morning
Battalion left in afternoon
March 24th Reached Fort at Kill
we were ordered to go very
early in the day with 8 days
march in our haversacks,
that day we were ordered to
go at day we were ordered to
leave in the morning with the
Rebel, we were thrown out
on the left side a little in
the wood & then threw out one

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Co. (C) & skirmishers who went
to work on the Rebel cavalry, driv-
ing them back & we followed
up until we came to the creek
& there the Rebels threw a few
shells at us, but we scared their
battery away by our going double
quick a short distance & halloing.
We halted after we crossed the creek
& laid there until dark. There was
some sharp firing to our right
while we were on the creek bank.
We could hear heavy cannon on
the "Franklin" like to our right
all the after noon. At dark
our Division drew off & Wood
Division went in front.

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We marched 12 miles that day
with our knapsacks on. It rained a
during the night.
Late P.M. we crossed a creek & lost
were all ready for action at day-
out. We laid still, & listened
until Wood engaged the Rebels, at
which he did about day. We could hear the
heavy cannon on the Franklin.
Our division moved out at
and we were not to go out with
the 1st Ind. in front of the division.
It commenced raining about 1 P.M.
I saw several wounded
men. Co. I was then
in out on the right as seen by
others & moved on to the front.

creek
cover at night. We were
at day & we halted the 1st as the
night. We heard heavy firing
coming on our left in the evening
but all was quiet after dark.
Sun. 28th. Cross & I got dressed
& all ready to move at day, but
we had a storm at day. The rebels
were in sight on the opposite
side of the creek. They & our
pickets kept exchanging shots
occasionally all day. The rebel
reinforcements in the evening
Mon. 29th. We opened some cannon
in the morning & drove the rebel
pickets & we then moved forward
in line crossing the creek

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which we needed, about 1/4
mile below the bridge, & then
formed in line moved forward
and slowly driving the rebels
before us until dark when we
got within 2 1/2 miles of Murfrees-
boro, we then camped for the night.
At this time some firing between
the pickets after dark, but it
soon ceased. There were some rain
fell during the night.
Wed. 30th. We crossed at day we moved
out on the front line formed our
lines sent out 2 Co's (C & D) for cover
miners & they kept firing occa-
sionally all day, but we (31st & 32nd) as
had still all day & listened to

some heavy fighting on our
 right by the 1st, 2nd, & others, there
 was some heavy firing from our
 batteries, but we got no answer,
 (The 2nd Brigade) changed our position
 & front a little farther to the east
 & was then "commissariat"
 before dark, & then, Co. (No. 8)
 relieved C & E, we then laid still
 until sunset morning, when were
 2 men of Co. D, slightly wounded.
 There was some rain fell during the
 day, & turned cold at night.
 (Wed. 3rd) We arose at 3 A.M. & Co.
 A. I. relieved A & B & at day the
 skirmishing commenced which
 grew into a heavy battle on our
 right about 4 P.M. - here, by a
 & our right was flanked & drove
 back a bit the fighting was in
 our rear, & then about 11 A.M. we
 were attracted in front & Co. F
 who were out in a line, moved
 & fired a volley in to their
 columns & then retreated again
 to the lines, & by the time we
 skirmishers got in the lines
 came over the top a 3rd. But &
 we then passed a volley in to them,
 turning their ranks very much
 & we kept up a hot fire for ab-
 out 15 minutes when the Rebels
 saw that we were a Rebel
 Battery first at the light that we
 kept up a fire on from the

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last of the 31st Ia where Co. B killed
when they came in from skirm-
ishings & as they had no chance
to make any breast works they
were very much exposed to the
enemys fire. But the Rebels soon
appeared in our front again,
& the 2nd Ky. who joined the 31st
Ia. on the left fell back but when
they saw the 4th still at their
post & their bayonets discharging for
duty, they returned again & when
they bravely for about 15 minutes
& then broke again, just as the
4th Ky. moved through the 31st
& charged up in the line & cleared
clear beyond the Rebel Battery

which prepared to pay her
respects to the 4th Ky. but the
4th seeing her danger retreated
& then all on our left gave way
& we were flanked on the left
& right & were about 1000
entirely cut off when we star-
ted to retreat & there being a
pond just in the rear of our
Regt. divided it in the last the
regt. got out of the way & the shot-
grapes & shell which were splin-
ing thick in the air. And all
though our Regt. were scattered
there were a great many who
did not forget what their
duty there made for, so as

they were retreating through the Cedar swamp they continued to load & fire on the graybacks as they passed and thus gave them a retreating fight - a retreat of a mile through the Cedar when we came to where the dead were lying on the field that had been fought over in our rear; and the rebels had been repulsed there & left us a little space to get out at; & we then went to the rear & gathered up whatever men we could find of our Brigade (1st) & we rallied, earned a line in the rear of a battery of rifled bayonets, for a charge.

if necessary: The Rebels had Dick, Belmont, Smith & Hayes, Smith & 750 men with her at that place, but as the Rebels horse was not on the field & he had to retreat on foot & he being old & not very stout, was wearied out in his retreat & was put on the like at a desperate battle continued to rage desperately until night but the Rebels had to come to a halt & were repulsed again but held a part of the Battle field that night: Capt. Hallen who behaved most gallantly in the engagement who was acting adjutant made his

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way out on the line in the rear
unhurt. He came to us at dark.
Our Assistant Adjutant
General [unclear] told us
that he fell from his saddle in
the midst of the battle & was carried
a long time. The 3rd Spt. went
adj. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
the night, [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
at [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
the 3rd Spt. went on [unclear] in the [unclear]
line [unclear] night but did not have to
stand up in [unclear] until [unclear] [unclear]
Thurs. January 1st 1863. The 3rd
Pa. with 1st Brigade was on the
reserve in [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
South [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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noon we moved farther to the left & in the front. There was some little fighting on the right center in fore noon, but afternoon all was quiet except Picket firing. At night we were taken back to the reserve & rested on the river bank. The 31st Pa. Mustered 111 men & 10 commissioned officers in the morning. At 10 AM we were thrown out on the front lines again in order to 3 PM. Drew up breast works & lagged them with all quiet except an occasional Picket engagement until about or near 4 PM when the Rebels moved up on our left wing with heavy columns.

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4 Co. I took 1 prisoner we
laid still there in line for
a while after routing the
Enemy & then returned to the
breast works where we had laid
all day. There was some rain
during the night. There was
some heavy Ricket firing on
our right in the fore part of the
night, but after it ceased all was
quiet again save the rattle of the
ambulances carrying the wounded
from the field.

Oct. 3rd Raining in the mor-
ning & continued so all day.
There was some sharp firing in
fore noon, but it did not amount
to much. The 3rd Ia. still at
the breast works until night
when we moved out to the
woods. Soon after night

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of infantry & Batteries, heavy
cannonading then commenced
& a continuous roar of musketry
was heard on our left which last-
ed for about 20 minutes when
our left began to give back, but
soon we had a heavy column come
to our left which turned the
tide which rolled back faster
than it came. And just at
dusk the 3rd Ia. was ordered to charge
& drive the Rebels from a piece
of woods, which they done most
gallantly led by Lieut Col Smith
& General Farmer in person. The
3rd Ia. lost 1 man killed & some 2 or 3
wounded in the charge.

I we found & hurried to on the
 field. Clerical Jarvis of Co.
 I being one of the sufferer.
 The 3rd Pa. lost 6 killed, 45
 wounded 38 missing
 Nov. 6th The 3rd Pa. laid in
 camp all day until in the
 evening when we moved
 1 mile toward Nashville &
 camped on the East side of
 the Railroad. Rained during
 the night
 Tues. 6th Still quiet, but very
 anxious to see our tent arrive.
 Cleared off in the evening

The 2nd Tenn. Regt. went out
 to drive the Rebels out of a piece
 of wood but not without con-
 siderable fighting fire - &
 some cannonading. But it soon
 ceased & all was quiet again
 except the whistle of the cars at
 Huntresboro which was heard
 very frequent during the night
 and it kept on raining a little
 all night
 Sun. 6th Still was quiet in front
 no pocket-firing, & it was gener-
 ally supposed that the Rebels were
 gone which proved to be so when
 there were Cavalry & troops sent
 out to reconnoitre. There was then
 a detail of ten men & a lieutenant
 made to go out over our Nashville
 battle field to bury our dead